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Re: Serial No. 10/627,791  
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Inventors: Steve Bigus et al.  
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Attached is a Status Inquiry regarding the above-identified patent application. Please respond ASAP.

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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby inquires into the status of the above-referenced patent application. The application was filed on July 25, 2003. Applicant has received a Filing

Receipt dated April 1, 2004, and a Notice of Publication of Application on July 8, 2004.  
However, no further correspondence has been received from the Patent Office. Please  
advise when examination of the application is expected to begin.

Respectfully submitted,

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